

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title appearing in the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 as follows:

BAG HAVING A DEFORMABLE MEMBER ATTACHED THERETO

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, as follows:

Known bags formed of one or more sheet materials include pouches and gusset bags. A gusset bag, for example, has a front face, a rear face (the front face and the rear face will hereinafter be inclusively referred to as main faces), and a pair of gusseted side faces that are ~~inward~~ inwardly folding into a V-shape. A gusset bag is flat with its side faces folded in. The folded side faces are unfolded to widen the rectangular top's opening, through which contents can be inserted and removed.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 4, as follows:

Fig. 2(a) is a perspective of a gusset bag with contents (i.e. a package) according to the first preferred embodiment.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 7, as follows:

~~Fig. 3 is a cross-section showing an example~~ Figs. 3(a) and 3(b) are cross-sections showing examples of a layer structure of a sheet material making a gusset bag of another embodiment of the invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4, as follows:

~~Fig. 17 illustrates one of the~~ Figs. 17(a)-(d) illustrates other ways of inserting vertical wire-like members into respective tubular holders in the production of the gusset bag of the sixth embodiment.

Please insert the following heading at page 7, between prenumbered lines 23 and 24:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 1, as follows:

The number of the cutting guide ~~[[line]]~~ lines is two or more, and the guide lines are provided at intervals in the height direction of the gusset bag.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 5, as follows:

When ~~[[in]]~~ using a metal-made wire-like member, such as metallic wire, as a plastically deformable wire-like member, it is preferred to cover the wire with a resin. By so doing, the wire-like member substantially becomes thicker to have improved flexural strength and will have an increased inner bending radius when bent plastically. It follows that the wire-like member exhibits effectively improved durability against repeated flexing and are thereby prevented from being broken during use. Even if breakage occurs as a result of repeated flexing, the covering resin keeps the cut end covered to provide safety.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 8, as follows:

According to the embodiment of the gusset bag having a cutting guide line, a user can easily take out the contents from the bag while leaving the bag self-standing and easily and securely re-close the output opening side portion to store the contents effectively. Even after the contents have decreased, ~~[[the]]~~ ease ~~[[of]]~~ in taking out the contents is guaranteed.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 9, as follows:

The sheet material 22 used to make the gusset bag 10 of the first embodiment is a composite sheet containing an aluminum foil. The composite sheet preferably has a five-layered structure shown in FIG. 3, which is composed of a first layer of polyester as an outermost layer, a second layer of polyethylene, a third layer of aluminum foil, a fourth layer of polyethylene, and a fifth layer of a sealable material as an innermost layer. The thickness of the aluminum foil layer is preferably 5 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , still more preferably 5 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ . Use of such a multilayered composite sheet containing an aluminum foil layer as a sheet material 22 not only facilitates folding for re-closure but keeps a good appearance of the package because of its resistance to wrinkling.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 23, as follows:

While the opened gusset bag 10 can be re-closed by folding the output opening side portion 13 once to make the fold 24 as shown in FIG. 6, it is also possible to fold the output opening side portion 13 twice as depicted in FIG. 1 to seal in the contents more securely. If desired, a guide line for folding the output opening side portion 13 may be provided on the main face 14. As the contents 16 ~~[[is]]~~ are consumed, the position of the fold 24 may be lowered accordingly. After some quantity of the contents 16 ~~[[is]]~~ are used, the upper part of the gusset bag 10 may be cut off at a suitable height so as to make it easier to take out the residual contents 16.

Please amend the Abstract at page 41 as follows: